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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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In reference to your information memorandum concerning the review of COINS, both Carl and I agree that it would be useful to have a CIA individual identified as responsible for working with [REDACTED] staff on whatever inter-agency COINS review is undertaken.

It seems clear, however, that this is not sufficient to pull together a substantive and thoughtful institutional involvement of the CIA in the review process. I believe that if an individual is to be appointed as being responsible for this area, he must also be given a mandate to pull together a group of people within the Agency who can help him draw up a concept paper and advise him, and through him the Director, on what involvement CIA should have with any COINS system. In addition, as I have said before, I believe that he should be instructed to involve outside consultants in his review activities.

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Carl and I think that [REDACTED] would be a good selection for the individual appointed to be responsible for this.

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Donald H. Steininger  
Associate Deputy Director  
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Science and Technology

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science & Technology  
THROUGH : Associate Deputy Director for Science and Technology  
SUBJECT : Substantive Review of Some COINS Files

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1. The attached paper on COINS was prepared by IC people and I believe generally reflects views I heard expressed by a number of your people. [ ] is pushing Bill hard on this, as is [ ] Bill has [ ] working the problem from a technique and resource viewpoint and because many of us felt the pressure for use is more within DOD than elsewhere.

2. There is some suggestion that Bill form a CIA COINS assessment group to assist him on COINS deliberations. I believe he does need a person to look at all the variables and provide a studied paper on needs and projections as currently viewed by the players in order that he can be responsive to PFIAB, the IRAC, et al. [ ] would welcome help in his review as executive agent to Bill for COINS. [ ] will be reporting to PFIAB in January on current progress.

3. Since IC seems to be stuck with monitoring this one, any comments or suggestions you have will be very welcome.

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